



Minutes



Council Solid Waste Committee City of Santa Barbara

City Hall, Room 15
735 Anacapa Street, Second Floor
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

ATTENDEES: Mayor Blum, Councilmember Falcone, Councilmember Williams, Steve Wiley, Bob Samario, David McDermott, Stephen MacIntosh, Karen Guntow, Thomas Chiarodet, Derek Carlson, Lorraine Cruz Carpenter, Kathi King, Kira Redmond

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am
2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from September 29, 2008 were approved
5. **FOODSCRAPS RECOVERY PUBLIC EDUCATION RESEARCH STUDY:** Stephen MacIntosh provided an overview of the proposed contract with Ideocore, Inc. to conduct a public education research study on the perspectives and attitudes towards foodscraps recovery and composting in the business sector. The Committee recommended taking the proposed contract to City Council for approval.
6. **SOLID WASTE RATE STUDY FOR BUSINESS SECTOR:** Bob Samario provided an update on the solid waste rate study, explaining the purpose of the study, the approach employed by the rate study team, how the rate mode works, progress to date, and introduction of the key policy considerations of the study, including but not limited to maintaining revenue neutrality for the City's franchised haulers. The committee expressed support for the rate study to increase financial incentives for businesses to divert more foodscraps, greenwaste and mixed recyclables from the trash.
7. **SINGLE-USE BAG PROJECT:** Bob Samario introduced the item and provided an overview of the single-use bag reduction project, including the City's partnership with Kathi King and Santa Barbara Channelkeeper. Steve Wiley provided an overview of the City Attorney's recent research findings, including potential regulatory approaches and the legal issues associated with establishing a special tax on single-use bags with the intent of reducing the consumption of single-use bags in the City.
8. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Business Sector Rate Study
9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** February 12, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am

Approved:

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